Committee's report by the West Bengal Region in October, 2005, merger of the following nine Branch Offices with the nearest Branch Office was accepted/ordered by the ESI Corporation on 26.10.2005:

Sl. No.	Name ofthe Branch Office to be closed	Name of the Branch Office with which the Branch Office at Col.(2) was to be merged
1.	Ballygunge	Tollygunge
2	Beliaghata	Dalhousie Sqr.
3.	Garden Reach	Paharpur
4.	Taratala	Brace Bridge
5.	North Kalipur	Kalipur
6.	Konnagar	South Rishra
7.	Shalimar	Shibpur
8.	Gorabazar	DumDum
9.	Kanthalpara	Naihaty

These Branch Offices under merger, with significantly low benefit payment position, had hitherto been functioning at different floors of the same building or in close proximity and the merger was to ensure economy in administrative expenditure, without causing inconvenience to the insured persons attached to these Branch Offices.

(b) The following steps have been/are being taken to establish cohesive working atmosphere in the organization:

(i) Appropriate steps have been taken by the Regional Administration of West Bengal to allay fears of staff regarding their deployment and inconvenience to insured persons.

(ii) A meeting with the office-bearers of All India ESIC Employees' Federation was held on 24-5-07, wherein the Federation representatives were informed that review of Branch Offices would be done keeping in view their viability as well as the services to be rendered to the insured persons.

(iii) A detailed work study in respect of the West Bengal Region including Barrackpore Sub-Region and Branch Offices attached to them, has since been ordered by Director General, ESI Corporation.

Graduate unemployed youths in Rajasthan

1169. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Graduate unemployed youths in Rajasthan, as on date;

(b) the details of the schemes, if any, formulated by Government for providing jobs to them; and

(c) what has been achieved by such schemes, during last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per employment exchange statistics, the total number of graduates unemployed including youth, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, was about 1.96 lakh in the State of Rajasthan as on 31st December, 2005.

(b) and (c) Government has been attempting employment generation through normal growth process of the economy as well as through special employment generation programmes. Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) aims at providing employment to educated unemployed including graduates. Progress achieved by the Government of Rajasthan under PMRY during the last three financial years is given below:

Item	Year		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07*
Target allocated (Nos.)	18200	18700	19200
No. of cases disbursed by banks	12919	13868	14149
Estimated Employment Generated #	19379	20802	21224

*Provisional

Estimated employment generated calculated @ 15 per case disbursed.

Number of workers in unorganised sector in the country

†1170. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the basis of latest figures the number of workers in unorganised sector has gone to 37 crore in the country;

(b) if not, the exact number thereof;

(c) the percentage of this class as compared to total working class of the country;

(d) whether Government have decided to enact law to provide social security to this working class;

(e) if so, whether this decision would be translated into reality during the monsoon session; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) According to the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) during 1999-2000, the total number of workers in the unorganized sector was about 37 crore (93% of the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.